[Mr. M. N. Pillai.]

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There were no supernumeraries in the High court at the time.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): There were many other supernumeraries at the time of the reorganisation.

PRESIDENT: You cannot make a statement. You can only put a question.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there were no supernumeraries in other departments eligible for the post?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I said there were no supernumeraries in the High Court. As to whether there were any supernumeraries in other departments, I claim notice.

Constables without Numbers.

46. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): With reference to the answer given to interpellation No. 144, asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 10th Vrischikam, 1098, will the Government be pleased to state whether the Reserve Inspector of Police has submitted a list of the constables belonging to the Reserve Force who appeared without numbers? If so, will the Government be pleased to place that list on the table?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Reserve Inspector has submitted a list of the constables who had not been supplied with numbers, but *not* of those who actually appeared without numbers. The Inspector's list cannot be laid on the table.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state how many constables went to the College on that particular day?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

Printing of Students' Strike Papers.

47. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have got the papers connected with the incidents of the 5th Kanni, 1097, printed, as promised by them in answer to the interpellations asked at the meetings of the Legislative Council held on the 31st July and the 25th November, 1922? If not, why are they not printed even after such a long time?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to get those papers printed before the close of this session?

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MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) These papers are being printed.

(*b*) This is not feasible.

Sale of Toddy and Arrack after 8. P. M.

48. MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): (1) Has it been brought to the notice of Government that the contractor of the arrack shop situated by the side of the Puttingal temple at Paravur, Quilon, was granted a special license to vend arrack on the *utsavam* night after 8 P. M. till day-break on the 8th Minam 1098, in spite of the protest of the local Magistrate and Police authorities?

(2) Has any excise officer been granted the power of issuing special licenses for vending arrack and toddy after 8 P. M.?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(1) The answer is in the affirmative. The conduct of the Excise Inspector who unauthorisedly issued the special license has been noticed by the Excise Commissioner.

(2) The member is referred to clause 28 of the notice of sale of the privilege of vending jaggery arrack in independent shops during 1098 and 1099 published on page 28 of the Excise sheet of the Gazette dated the 21st February, 1922.

Sale of Liquor after 8 P. M.

49. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that toddy and arrack were sold to persons after 8 o'clock in the night near the Puttingal temple at Paravur, in Quilon, during the month of Minam 1098?

(*b*) If so, what action was taken against the Excise authorities who sanctioned this unauthorised sale of liquor?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The member is referred to the answer to Mr. Kumaran's question No. 202, part (1).

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): Part (*b*) of my question has not been answered.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer will be found in the answer to part (1) of question 69.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): I do not find it there.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is identical to that given to part (1) of the question immediately preceding. It runs thus:

"The conduct of the Excise Inspector who unauthorisedly issued the special license has been noticed by the Excise Commissioner."

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